



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Wei-Kung Wang
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Art Unit : 1645
Examiner : Unknown

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This document is filed in response to the office action mailed December 30, 2003 ("Office Action"). According to the Office Action, the claims are directed to six groups of inventions drawn to nucleic acids, detection methods, and a diagnostic kit. Applicant's counsel conducted a telephone interview with the Examiner on February 17, 2004 and pointed out that all claims are based on SEQ ID NO: 1 or 2. As a result, the Examiner agreed to modify a 6-way restriction into a 2-way restriction, i.e., (1) all the nucleic acid claims and the kit claims (i.e., Groups I-III and VI); or (2) all the method claims and the kit claims (i.e., Groups IV-VI). Applicant elects the invention of Groups I-III and VI drawn to the nucleic acids and the kit without traverse. Enclosed is a \$55 check for the Petition for One Month Extension of Time fee. Please apply any charges to deposit account 06-1050, referencing attorney docket 12563-004001.

Respectfully submitted,

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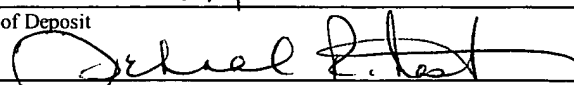


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